

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Charles Allerson, et al.** Confirmation No.: **5641**
Application No.: **10/701,007** Group Art Unit: **1635**
Filing Date: **November 4, 2003** Examiner: **Jane J. Zara**
For: **COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING ALTERNATING 2'-MODIFIED
NUCLEOSIDES FOR USE IN GENE MODULATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated **March 27, 2007**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.